

# Sonobuoy Liaison Working Group



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Program Executive Office, Air ASW, Assault and  
Special Mission (PEOASWASM) programs (PMA-  
264)

15 – 16 January 2004

# SLWG Agenda

(Exec Comm Only until after Lunch)

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- **15 January 2004**
  - **0830: Convene Executive Session** (NSWCC)
  - **0845: Inventory Projections** (NSWCC)
  - **0915: Fleet/OPNAV Briefs** PMA, CLWP & Others
  - **Remainder: Discussion**
  - **1200: Lunch**
  - **1300: Convene Open Session** (NSWCC)
  - **1305: Intro of Participants** All
  - **1320: Action Item Review** (NSWCC)
  - **1330: Program Brief** (PMA264)
  - **1415: Break**
  - **1430: Inventory Projections & NCEA** (NSWCC)
  - **1500: NOLSC Brief** (NOLSC)
  - **1530: Discussion / Action Items**

# SLWG Agenda

## Open Session

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- **16 January 2004**
  - **0900: Convene** (NSWCC)
  - **0915: Action Item Review** (NSWCC)
  - **0930: SSQ-110A Retrofit** (YKTN)
  - **1000: Break**
  - **1020: Logistics** (NSWCC)
  - **1045: Acceptance Test** (NSWCC)
  - **1100: DPRGP** (CPRW2)
  - **Remainder: As Required**

# SLWG Charter

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- Chartered to coordinate and review technical, logistics, and inventory management issues regarding sonobuoys. Scope includes, but not limited to:
  - Inventory requirements and issues re: NNOR, NCER, NCEA;
  - Resolution of inventory management problems;
  - Review technical initiatives and ECP's to assess impact on Fleet operations and stockpiles;
  - Assess impact of sonobuoy changes to ASW aircraft, TSC, ASWM, trainers and logistics support; and
  - Recommend changes to production plans, inventory management processes, and logistics support which will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the sonobuoy program.

# SLWG Membership

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- PMA-264      Program Management    Co-Chair \*
- N780E        OPNAV    Co-Chair \*
- NSWCC       Logistics            Member \*
- NALC         Inventory Management Member \*
- CLF, CPF & CNE      FLTCOM Interface            Members \*
- CNAL & CNAP        Fleet Air Interface           Members \*
- CPRFP & CPRFL      VP Fleet Interface           Members \*
- CHSWP & CHSWL      HS Fleet Interface           Members\*
- CHSLWL & CHSLWP   HSL Fleet Interface        Members\*
- + Others as invited (PM's, SPAWAR, etc)
- **Members Responsibilities:** Provide representation at the policy making level; present emergent concerns for action; research issues and prepare technical positions with supporting data; provide position of represented group during discussions and voting; review and provide inputs to meeting minutes.
- \* Executive Committee members.

# Review of Action Items

Assistant Program Manager for Logistics  
Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 01-11: Sonobuoys to Ordnance vice Supply
  - NALC: Evaluate & make recommendations for moving sonobuoys from DLA management to Ordnance/Weapons management.
    - Management of sonobuoys by DLA ineffective
    - Management as an ordnance item in the Ordnance Community preferable
    - Form an IPT to evaluate and make recommendation to Ordnance Community for transition of DLA management to Ordnance Management of 8U & 2E sonobuoys
  - Assigned to: SMWG Committee
  - Status Fall 02: : **OPEN / NORIP Action Required**
  - Closing Status: **CLOSED**: The NORIP PRG decided that the sonobuoy management process shall remain 'as is' (mixed Supply/Weapon Management). Additionally, NALC has initiated discussions with DLA for improving data flow (I.e., PLR data) between the two systems.

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 02-06: See the Secure Server



# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 02-09: CDC codes & ROLMS AIT
  - NSWCC: NAVSUP P-805 requires Condition Defect Codes when reclassifying sonobuoys from CC 'A' to any other CC. ROLMS V7.0 & V8.0 require CDC entry when changing condition from A to any other condition. ROLMS software does not currently support CDC codes with AIT
    - AIT scanner cannot scan CDC code during inventory or restow
    - CDC is matching criteria on AIT inventory or restow
    - 2D Bar Codes do not include CDC code
    - Recommend ROLMS AIT software be changed to include CDC codes in 2<sup>nd</sup> 2D bar code (ALN) and scanner software be changed to read CDC code when required
    - Failing this, recommend CDC code requirement for 8U COG sonobuoys be removed from the NAVSUP P-805
  - Assigned to: NALC
  - Status Fall 02: **OPEN**. ROLMS Help Desk indicates a Maintenance Problem Report (#N001-6) is in work. Should be resolved with future release of ROLMS.
  - Closing Status: **CLOSED**. ROLMS V9.0 fixed this issue.

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 02-11: See the Secure Server

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-01: See the Secure Server

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-02: See the Secure Server

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-03: See the Secure Server

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-04: NAR/OHF/AIN FILES ON NALC WEBSITE DO NOT PROCESS
  - NSWCC: The NAR, OHF, & AIN files posted on the NALC website occasionally do not process correctly in ROLMS.
    - May go unnoticed by ROLMS operator
    - ROLMS Help Desk 'fixes' files and distributes upon request
      - Not all ROLMS operators realize they have a problem
    - Files do not process due to format & naming problems unrecognized by NALC
    - Similar to the Tech Data File problem in SLWG AI # 01-06.
      - AI #01-06 was resolved by using ROLMS Help Desk to validate files
      - This process was never implemented
  - Assigned to: NALC
  - Status Spring 03: **DISCUSSION**
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**.
  - **Note: NAS WI indicates problem fixed - waiting confirmation of process by NOLSC.**

# Reopened A.I. 01-06

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- ITEM 01-06: ROLMS Tech Data Files
  - NSWCRANE: ROLMS TECH DATA Update Files maintained on NALC Web Site routinely fail to function when attempting to update ROLMS
    - SALTS no longer posts the TECH DATA files; NALC now posts the files
    - NALC-maintained files routinely fail to work (corrupt?)
    - Contacting NALC, there appears to be no QA on the files & instructions for updating ROLMS on Web Site are incorrect and state 12 steps to do what can be done in 3 steps (e.g., save a 14Meg file to floppy disk?)
    - NALC has no ROLMS system to test posted files on. No instructions on NALC web site to indicate how to 'reset' ROLMS if upload fails.
  - Assigned to: NALC
  - Status: : **OPEN**. Referred to NSWCRANE office by NALC after Spring 02 session. "Files will be tested when posted in future. ROLMS office will review process & instructions on NALC web site." - Never implemented.
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**
  - **Note: Same as previous.**

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-05: OBSOLETE (NAR'd) SSQ-62C STILL IN INVENTORY
  - NSWCC: There are still lithium-powered SSQ-62C units classified as MCC A, B, or C in Fleet stocks.
    - Condemned as expired by NAR # 039-03 (01 NOV 02)
    - Represent a safety hazard to flight crews
      - Large LiSO2 battery pack
    - Three messages sent to Fleet units holding these units
    - 15 UIC's still reporting 196 'usable' assets
    - They need to be purged from the usable stockpile immediately
  - Assigned to: NALC, FLTCOM's
  - Status Spring 03: **DISCUSSION**
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**. NSWCC working wit TYCOM's and NALC to resolve. Only six commands left to close.

This type of problem also exists for numerous non-lithium NALC's.



# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-06: LOAD PLAN FOR SSQ-101
  - NSWCC: No load plan for the SSQ-101 ADAR buoy exists
    - Load plan must be established
  - Assigned to: NALC, FLTCOM's
  - Status Spring 03: **DISCUSSION**. No shore station load plan for SSQ-101 in place. There is a Combat Loadout requirement in the NNOR.
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**. CLF has established a Load Plan for ADAR. CPF has not yet established a Load Plan.

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-07: See the Secure Server

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-08: See the Secure Server

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- ITEM 03-09: See the Secure Server

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-10: See the Secure Server

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-11: SHORT STRING SONOBUOYS
  - CHSLWL: HSL East Coast has a need for short string (less than 50') sonobuoys for training off of the Jax/Norfolk areas.
    - Short string DIFAR and DICASS buoys would allow realistic training in certain areas of CONUS.
    - Capability may be useful in other parts of the world.
  - Assigned to: PMA, SERC
  - Status Spring 03: **DISCUSSION**. Discussion of difficulties in certifying short string sensors..
  - Closing Status: **CLOSED**. Provided two pallets of SSQ-53F to CHSLWL in July 03. No feedback as yet. DICASS SSQ-62E already has a 50' setting.

# Action Item Review

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- ITEM 03-12: SSQ-53F CAL CURVES ON SECURE SERVER
  - ONI: Some activities are not on the distribution list for SSQ-53F CO Calibration curves.
    - Post on the Sonobuoy Secure Server if possible.
  - Assigned to: PMA, NSWCC
  - Status Spring 03: **DISCUSSION**. Generally positive.
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**. NSWCC will format the Cal Curve files and post on the Sonobuoy Secure Server.

# New Action Items

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Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center



# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-01: See the Secure Server

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-02: See the Secure Server

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-03: PRODUCTION DELIVERY SCHEDULE
  - CPF: Request a routine report on Production Delivery Schedules for sonobuoys be provided to CPF and others as desired.
    - Allows more effective management of stockpile and storage space in Fleet sites.
  - Assigned to: PMA/APML
  - Status Fall 03: **DISCUSSION**. Data is available and can be provided
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**. APML will develop report to cover production delivery schedule for sonobuoys and provide to CPF and others as requested. First report in February 2004.

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-04: SONOBUOY STIMULATION SYSTEM
  - CPRW5: Request PMA-264 work with other PMA's to obtain Sonobuoy Stimulator for Fleet T&R requirements.
    - Data package submitted for forwarding to PMA-264..
  - Assigned to: PMA/APML
  - Status Fall 03: **DISCUSSION.**
  - Closing Status: **OPEN.** APML will forward data package to PMA-264B for consideration.

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-05: SSQ-110A RETROFIT COMPLETION MESSAGE
  - CPRG: Request a message covering the status/completion of the SSQ-110A retrofit effort be sent.
    - Insures all levels of Command are informed of status.
  - Assigned to: PMA/APML
  - Status Fall 03: **DISCUSSION**. Data is available and can be provided
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**. APML will release a status report covering the SSQ-110A retrofit effort week of 19 Jan 04. (*Released 1/21/04*)

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-06: See the Secure Server

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-07: See the Secure Server

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-08: SERVICE LEVEL CODE
  - CNSP: Identify the Service Level Code requirement for sonobuoy Lot tracking requirement and submit to DLA/NAVSUP.
    - Request the correct Service Level Code of NAVSUP to insure correct/usable Lot Data is submitted for sonobuoys.
  - Assigned to: NOLSC IM
  - Status Fall 03: **DISCUSSION.**
  - Closing Status: **OPEN.** NOLSC Item Manager research and advise APML of action required to request/assign correct Service Level Code to insure Lot Data from DLA/NAVSUP activities that handle sonobuoys..



# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-09: CODR vs SDR REPORTS
  - CNSP: Use the Conventional Ordnance Deficiency Report (CODR) for sonobuoy failure reporting.
    - The Sonobuoy Discrepancy Report (SDR) in the IETM is a redundant report.
    - The CODR shall be used for reporting ordnance failures.
  - Assigned to: PMA/APML
  - Status Fall 03: **DISCUSSION.**
  - Closing Status: **OPEN.** APML will remove the SDR from future versions of the Sonobuoy IETM. Failure reporting will be solicited in future using the CODR format.

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- ITEM 04-10: See the Secure Server

# New Action Item

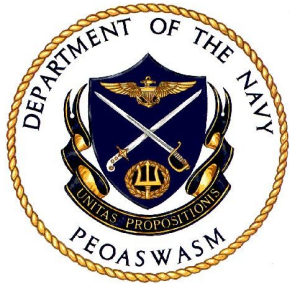
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- ITEM 04-11: SLWG WITH THE LW TORP MEETING
  - CPF: Hold future sessions of the SLWG at the same time as the Lightweight Torpedo meeting.
    - A lot of folks that attend the Lightweight Torpedo meeting also attend the SLWG. Holding them together or concurrently will save dollars and time.
  - Assigned to: APML
  - Status Fall 03: **DISCUSSION**. Generally felt to be a good idea.
  - Closing Status: **OPEN**. APML will liaison with the LW Torpedo offices to coordinate moving one or both meeting so they can be held concurrently.

# New Action Item

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- ITEM 04-12: See the Secure Server



# AIR ASW SYSTEMS SLWG BRIEF

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**Program Manager, Air ASW Systems, PMA-264  
15 January 2004**

# NCEA Execution & Inventory Projections FY04-FY10

Crane Division,  
Naval Surface Warfare Center

# NCEA Tracking

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- Crane Logistics Team receives and tracks ATR's from Fleet sonobuoy users
  - Maintain expenditure tracking data against NCEA
    - PACFLT & LANTFLT Major Claimancies
    - Other claimancies
  - Liaison with ROLMS operators
    - Detect & correct erroneous reporting practices as occur
    - Praise correct reporting practices
  - Liaison with Fleet Managers
    - Provide 'Ground Truth' (from the ATR) expenditure data
    - Advise if under-executing or over-expending
  - Report to Program Manager
    - OPNAV
    - PMA-264
  - Liaison with NALC IM
    - Resolve differences in ATR vs monthly Major Claimant Roll-Up

# Expenditures FY-03: CPF & CLF

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# Expenditures FY-04: CPF & CLF

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# Inventory Projections

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- Crane Logistics Team monitors sonobuoy stockpile for Program Office & FLTCOM's
  - Adjusts future inventory projections for loss (i.e., expenditures, losses, demil, etc.) and gains (i.e., procurement, other gains)
  - Provides inventory projections for outyears
    - Provides guidance on distribution of assets
    - Provides guidance on procurement quantity & mix of buoy types
  - Periodic scrub of CAIMS inventory data accomplished as a part of the process
    - Clears invalid intransits
    - Identifies potential shortages of assets at end-user sites
- The world-wide stockpile of sonobuoys is insufficient to meet requirements and will get worse
  - Accurate short-term requirement analysis, accurate ammunition management (reporting), and proactive management of distribution critical

# Inventory History

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# Non-Nuclear Ordnance Requirement (NNOR)

## Total Munitions Requirement (TMR)

Supports: WRMR, CR, IDTC Trng, RESFOR, Test & Eval

### War Reserve Munitions Requirement (WRMR)

Supports: CR, ASW Deployed Ops, & CVBG

### Combat Requirement (CR)

Supports: Combat Expenditures

### Sonobuoy Inventory

Stockpile - NCEA (Exp) + Procurement  
= Sonobuoy Inventory

# Sonobuoy Inv Proj: SSQ-

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# PLR / BG3

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NOW FOR  
ANOTHER  
LOOK AT PLR

**PLR COMPLIANCE \***

**DLA/FISC = 0 / 9**

**SHIPS W/BUOYS = 93 /  
123**

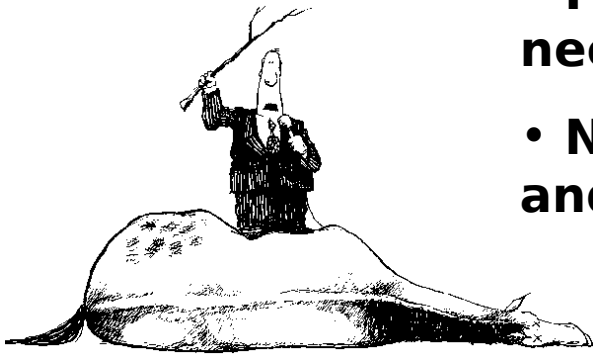
**SHORE NAVY = 11 / 65**

\* As of 17 Dec 03 PLR

# PLR / BG3

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- **Lack of PLR/BG3 data precludes effective management of Lots that are expiring (NAR's, moving to sites that can use them, etc.)**
- **Current problem is effective management of the VLAD (SSQ-77) stockpile).**
- **Next big PLR/BG3 issue will be SSQ-62 sonobuoys with EFS batteries in the EFS circuit.**
- **Fleet Commanders and Type Commanders need to lean on reporters.**
- **NALC needs to resolve the issue with DLA and the FISC's.**



# SSQ-77A(CZ) Rework Effort

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See the Secure Server



# Sonobuoy Logistics Working Group Meeting (SLWG)

AN/SSQ-110A Rework / Retrofit

**January 2004**

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**Naval Surface Warfare Center  
Indian Head Division  
Yorktown Detachment**

# Sonobuoy Logistics

Crane Division,  
Naval Surface Warfare Center

# Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (Code 6074)

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- Cognizant Field Activity: Logistics, Engineering & Contracting
  - Contract for new production
  - Engineering Qualification to the performance specification
  - Engineering test for new production
  - In-service (production) logistics support
- Assistant Program Manager for Logistics (Code 6074B)
  - Sonobuoy Management Team (ROLMS/AIT/Inventory Accuracy)
  - Tech Data (IETM, Web, source data)
  - Training (ROLMS AIT/Ammo Management/Technical)
  - Trouble Desk / Fleet Liaison (*Sonobuoy Hotline*)
  - Stockpile surveillance / Service Life extension / NAR's
  - Formal ILS

# Assistance / Help

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- Unrestricted Web Site
  - <http://sonobuoy.crane.navy.mil>
    - General Sonobuoy Program Data
    - News, current issues, messages, etc.
    - ROLMS AIT Users Manual
- Secure Web Site
  - <Call>
    - Program Management Data
    - Production Sonobuoy Specifications
    - IETM, *ASW Sensor*, COPE Reports, etc.
    - USERID & Password required
- *Sonobuoy Hotline*: 812-854-3577 DSN 482-3577
- email: [sonobuoy@crane.navy.mil](mailto:sonobuoy@crane.navy.mil)
- SIPERNET: <Call>

# Current Extensions & NAR's

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- **Q36:**
  - NALC 8W59: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0014-01)
  - NALC 8W74: NSWCC 251430Z FEB 02: 10 YEARS (05)
- **Q53B:** NALC 8W62: ALL EXPIRED
- **Q53D:** NALC 8W72: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0590-03) (Reintroduced Dec 03, AIN)
- **Q57B:**
  - NALC 8W70: NSWCC 032301Z DEC 96: ALL EXPIRED
  - NALC 8W73: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0513-02)
    - All 8W73's expired on 30 APR 02, replaced by 8W88
- **Q62B:** NALC 8W71: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0429-00)
- **Q62C:** NALC 8W79: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0039-03)
- **Q77A(CZ):** NALC 8W75: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0889-02); Refurb of 9,000 units 04
- **Q77B:** NALC 8W76: NSWCC 141900Z APR 98: 10 YEARS (12/01 - 12/04)
- **Q86:** NALC 8W68: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0290-02)
- **Q110:** NALC 8W77: NSWCC 181615Z SEP 02: 15 YEARS
- **Q110A:** NALC 8W80: ALL EXPIRED (NAR 0298-02) (Not Candidate for Extension). Most 8W81 expire 03; rework of 12,000 units underway

# Recent Messages

(Posted on Web Page)

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- **NAVAMMOLOGCEN MECHANICSBURG PA 252059Z JUN 03:** Lead NALC change for SSQ-53 and SSQ-62 sonobuoys.
- **NAVAMMOLOGCEN MECHANICSBURG PA 021935Z JUL 03:** Discussion of Lot Number marking on 'reworked' SSQ-110A (NALC 8W81).
- **NAVAMMOLOGCEN MECHANICSBURG PA 251930Z JUL 03:** NAR 0774-03; Condemns certain Lots of the SSQ-110 (8W77).
- **CNO WASHINGTON DC 281937Z JUL 03:** Restricts SSQ-53 usage through 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY04; establishes distribution split for new production material between PACFLT & LANTFLT.
- **NAVSURFWARCENDIV CRANE IN 062124Z AUG 03:** Announces reintroduction of the SSQ-53D (8W72) into the inventory and discusses management actions required by Fleet managers.
- **NAVSURFWARCENDIV CRANE IN 141539Z AUG 03:** Discusses importance of end-of-FY03 reporting.

# Recent Messages

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- **NAVSURFWARCENDIV CRANE IN 150044Z AUG 03:** Discusses the critical importance of PLR/BG3 reporting for all buoys, particularly the SSQ-77.
- **NAVSURFWARCENDIV CRANE IN 241929Z SEP 03:** Reiterates the importance of PLR/BG3 reporting for 8U and 2E COG sonobuoys.
- **NAVAMMOLOGCEN MECHANICSBURG PA 161930Z OCT 03:** NAR 077-04; Suspends use of 'reworked' SSQ-110A (8W81) until further notice.
- **NAVSURFWARCENDIV CRANE IN 250204Z NOV 03:** Discusses the 'retrofit' effort for 'reworked' SSQ-110A units.
- **NAVAMMOLOGCEN MECHANICSBURG PA 081940Z DEC 03:** AIN 023-04; Reintroduces the SSQ-53D (8W72) into the active inventory.
- **NAVAMMOLOGCEN MECHANICSBURG PA 081945Z DEC 03:** AIN 024-04; Reintroduces the SSQ-77A(CZ) (8W75) into the active inventory.
- **NAVSURFWARCENDIV CRANE IN 091810Z DEC 03:** Discusses the management actions required with the reintroduction of the SSQ-53D (8W72) and SSQ-77A(CZ) (8W75) into Fleet stocks.

# Sonobuoy IETM

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- IETM = Interactive Electronic Technical Manual
  - Sonobuoy IETM contains two publications linked together:
    - NAVAIR 28-SSQ-500-1: Sonobuoy Technical Reference Manual
    - NAVAIR 28-SSQ-500-4: Basic Intro to Air ASW Systems
  - Revision 1 to the IETM has been distributed, dated 1 Apr 02
    - New technical data (Q-53F, Q62E, Q77C, Q101, & Q110B)
    - Ammunition Management & ROLMS data/guidance
    - Expanded reference tables & data tables
    - Sonobuoy technical data linked to 500-4 discussions
      - Ex: SSQ-110 sections linked to 500-4 Bistatics Section
    - Updated & expanded discussions in 500-4
  - Posted on the Sonobuoy Secure Server
  - NATO version in work
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader V4.0 or V5.0



# Failure Analysis / Reliability

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- Conventional Ordnance Performance Evaluation (COPE)
  - Stockpile surveillance for reliability rates
  - Terminated FY99
- Conventional Ordnance Discrepancy Report (CODR) & Sonobuoy Discrepancy Report (SDR)
  - Current method for tracking excessive failures in Fleet
  - 8U COG buoy compliance is low
- Current failure trends that affect reliability rates & extensions
  - Sonobuoys with Alkaline batteries in EFS
    - Trend indicates five-year max service life for these units
    - Affects SSQ-110A, SSQ-53E, SSQ-53F, SSQ-62E

# Lot Acceptance Test

Crane Division, NSWC (6074)

SLWG

15 – 16 Jan 04

# Lot Acceptance Test (LAT) Program

- San Clemente Island is primary test location

# LAT

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- Pre-test timeline
  - Manufacturer produces entire lot
  - Government selects 31 units for lot sample
  - Sample shipped to San Diego and Test scheduled
- Test timeline
  - Units deployed as per test plan
  - Failures are noted and failed units recovered
  - Failed units returned to manufacturer for analysis
  - Acceptance/Rejection of lot determined by number of failures

# LAT

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- Typical failure modes from LAT
  - Audio
    - Delayed, Omni/Dir intermittent/lost, Noise, Modulation intermittent/lost, Level too high/low
  - RF
    - None, Delayed, Intermittent, Life too long/short, Level too high/low, Spurious radiation
  - Deployment
  - Bearing/Phase
  - Sinkers
  - Command
  - Flight
  - EFS/Inspection